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Sir:

In reply to the Interview Summary mailed March 30, 2006, Applicants submit the following statement of the substance of the telephone interview conducted between Examiner Ibrahim and the undersigned on January 8, 2006, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.2.

During the January 8, 2006 interview, the undersigned indicated to Examiner Ibrahim that several of the references were crossed off from the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the present application. The Examiner requested that Applicants provide the Examiner with fresh PTO-1449 forms for the Examiner's use in indicating her consideration of the references. On January 31, 2006, the undersigned forwarded two fresh PTO-1449 forms to the Examiner by facsimile.

On March 20, 2006, the Examiner indicated by telephone to the undersigned that she had considered the references.

On March 21, 2006, the Examiner forwarded copies of the Examiner-initialed forms from the Information Disclosure Statements filed February 14, 2002 and July 8, 2004, to the undersigned via facsimile and subsequently attached them to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2006. The undersigned thanks Examiner Ibrahim for providing the Examiner-initialed forms.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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